

## Provisional Vital Statistics for December 2014

**Live Births** increased slightly in December as 6,490 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,410 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for calendar year 2014 showed a slight decrease from 75,244 in 2013 to 75,104 in 2014. This is the lowest state birth count since 1997.

**Deaths** increased in December as 5,582 Missourians died compared with 5,002 in December, 2013. Deaths increased by 1.5 percent in 2014, from 57,256 to 58,087, which is the highest resident death count in state recorded history.

The **Natural Increase** in December for Missourians was 908 (6,490 births minus 5,582 deaths). In 2014 the natural increase declined by 5.4 percent from 17,988 to 17,017, which is the lowest natural increase in over forty years.

**Marriages** increased in December, and increased by 4.6 percent for the total year from 38,984 in 2013 to 40,779 in 2014. This represents the highest count since 2004.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** increased in December, but decreased for the entire year. Dissolutions decreased by 3.9 percent in 2014 from 20,684 to 19,877, the lowest state count since 1971. In 2014 the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.88 to 2.05, the first time above 2 to 1 since 1989.

**Infant Deaths** in December decreased as 41 Missouri infants died compared with 47 in December 2013. For the 12 months ending with December 2014, the infant death rate decreased from 6.5 in 2013 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births, the lowest rate on record.

### PROVISIONAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI 2014

<u>Item</u>	<u>December</u>				<u>12 months ending with December</u>									
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>				<u>Rate*</u>					
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,410	6,490	12.5	12.6	76,069	75,400	75,244	75,104	12.8	12.7	12.5	12.4	12.4	
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,002	5,582	9.7	10.8	55,599	55,783	57,256	58,087	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.6	
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	1,408	908	2.7	1.8	20,470	19,617	17,988	17,017	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,433	2,642	4.7	5.1	39,482	39,378	38,984	40,779	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.7	
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,633	1,843	3.2	3.6	23,272	22,553	20,684	19,877	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	47	41	7.3	6.3	482	496	488	450	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.0	
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)			6,044	6,063					5,989	6,010	6,025	6,044	6,063	

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current

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